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of the Executive Board, Kelly, Barnett, Mahoney, Savage, Rasmussen, Burbach and Schmit. A bill for an act relating to state agencies, to authorize participation in the federal excise property program and to authorize the purchase of certain insurance policies as prescribed. It is Senator Barnett. The motion is to introduce the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Members of the Legislature, this bill was brought by a staff member to the Exec Board and we feel we can put it right on General File without a hearing. If you will read the statement of intent that I passed out to you this morning, the federal government has a lot of excess property that we can receive for nothing, desks, chairs. I assume there is automobiles and different things like that and we can receive this property at no cost to the state. There is transportation cost and we have to have the ability to carry liability insurance. Those are the two requirements and so, if the body decides that we would like to take advantage of the federal government's excess property that is in big storage bins, why you introduce the bill and push it across. That is the only purpose for the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, may I ask a question of Senator Barnett. Senator Barnett, I want to know what the situation is in regard to liability insurance. If the equipment or whatever you have in mind is given to you and you assume possession of it, what business would it be of the federal government requiring that we carry liability insurance?

SENATOR BARNETT: You ask a question I can't answer. I know that each agency has to carry a liability package or a liability insurance policy to receive this.

SENATOR DUIS: There are many agencies of state government that do not carry any liability insurance and have no reason to carry it. Consequently, I think one of the only agencies that carries any is the Department of Aeronautics and consequently I would like to see that studied just a little bit prior to this.

SENATOR BARNETT: I can get you the answer.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the bill be introduced? Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is introduced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, a new bill, LB 998 introduced by the Executive Board and signed by Senators Barnett, Mahoney, Savage, Rasmussen, Burbach, Schmit and Kelly. Read title.